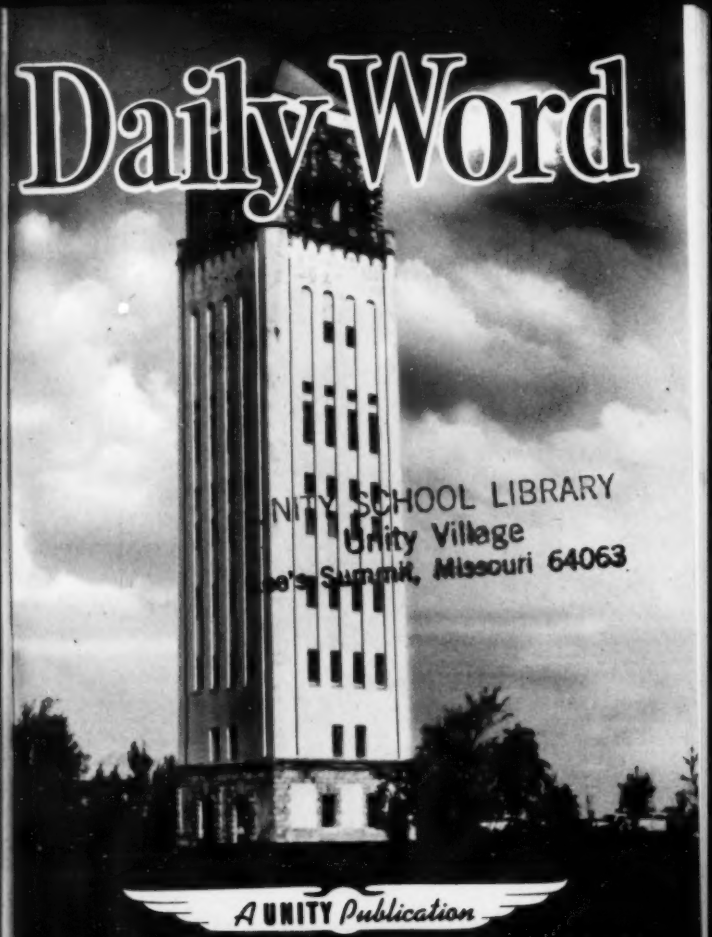
# Daily Word



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# Class Thoughts

**PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a speedy victory in this world conflict, to be followed by a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.**

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DEC. 20 to JAN. 19

**ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): My spiritual sight is quickened, and I walk in the light.**

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**PROSPERITY (12 noon): The riches of the kingdom are mine, and prosperity appears.**

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**HEALING (9 p. m.): I am reborn in Christ, and my body is transformed to health and wholeness.**

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**ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): Thou art the light of my understanding.**

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**HEALING (9 a. m.): By the grace and love of Jesus Christ I am forgiven and healed.**

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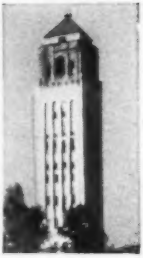

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Stately and tall, the Unity Campanile or Prayer Tower directs the traveler to Unity Farm near Kansas City. Even so this little magazine daily directs your steps to the sun-tipped heights in whose glory you behold yourself as a son of God; for such you are.

## STARTING ANEW EACH DAY

*Van W. McElwain*

I am starting my life anew today,
For today is another day;
The failures and fears of yesterday
Have been left along the way.
My heart is filled with joy and peace;
For God has made me free
Of all the old imperfect thoughts
That bound and fettered me.
I feel His presence guiding me
More clearly than before.
In each and every thing I do
I shall trust Him more and more.
I know His love e'er strengthens me
And helps me on my way.
Through Him I am cleansed, my mind renewed,
For this is the dawn of another day.

# *The Open Door*

DORIS RUTH BIGGS

"BEHOLD, I have set before thee a door opened, which none can shut." There is before you and before everyone in all the world at this very moment an open door, set there by the Father of all goodness, and no man can shut it. There are only two things that man can do about it. He can step through it into fulfillment of his desires, into the answer to his prayers, or he can turn his back upon it and go on in his confusion, illness, unhappiness, or lack.

How find it, and how step through it? That too is as simple as is the fact of its existence. It is the open door of faith, and man steps through it by his silent or spoken affirmative word.

You can find the open door "which none can shut" and you can walk through it. Beyond it lies all that your faith has assured you would bless your life and make it rich and glorious. It is not a mirage. It is there as surely as you are seeking it. Even now it is standing wide open, and you are welcome to lay hold of the health, the opulence, the peace, safety, and serenity it offers by faithfully using your favorite statement of Truth. Right now you can help others walk through it by saying your prayer for them.

# *The Divine Pattern*

ERNEST C. WILSON

IF YOU had to accept someone's appraisal of you, how would you wish to be appraised? By what you are expressing at this moment? By what you expressed five years ago? Or by what you will be expressing five years hence? By all these put together?

No! No matter how accurately someone described your abilities, talents, capacities; no matter how completely he knew all that you had been in the past, nor how justly he took account of your efforts and motives and your actual accomplishments, you would not be satisfied. No matter what glowing pictures he might paint of your present and future, you would wish to amend and alter them.

How then would you wish to be appraised? By all that you have been? By all that you are or all that you will be in the course of a lifetime? No! You would still feel that you—the real inner you—are more than all these put together!

In so doing you are appraising yourself in terms of Truth. The other person is appraising you in terms of what may be the "truth" of the moment, a "truth" that is susceptible to change. Truth (with a capital T) represents changeless reality.

Your application of the Truth in this way may not be a knowing one. You may never have heard the word Truth so used before. Yet unconsciously, instinctively, you employ it. For facts concern that which is relative, transient, changeable; Truth alone can describe what is eternal, changeless.

What then is Truth?

Truth is the ultimate reality, the fullness of being. It is not opposed to facts, though it may differ from them. It includes facts, but it is not limited by them.

It may be a fact that you are a child, a youth, a man. The Truth is that you are an immortal being, eternally a child of God, spiritually created, spiritually sustained, spiritually fulfilled. Temporally, factually, you are a child of earth, a product of evolution, a corporeal man. Eternally, "in Truth," you are a son of God and heaven, whose life is "hid with Christ in God."

In Unity our affirmations and denials, our meditations and prayers, are based upon Truth. Dwelling in thought upon Truth helps us to change facts where they differ from Truth.

Truth is represented in each of us as a divine pattern of perfect being. Some persons are more conscious of the Truth about themselves and the world about them than others are; but the Truth is innate within us, and the urge of the spirit in us

all is to express the Truth. The desire of everyone to express life, perfect well-being, abundance of all good things, harmonious, happy relationships with other persons and with his environment is the evidence of the Spirit of truth within us. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Truth is the divine pattern of perfection within us which, when given our thought and expression, sets us free from sickness, oppression, sorrow, and lack of any kind. That is why the Master walked among men, teaching them Truth, exhorting them to lift up their eyes to the vision of their spiritual reality and perfection. That is why we are today seeking to know the Truth and to follow the pattern of divine being so that we too may "put on the new man, that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth."

"Hold the pattern . . . in faith and love."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of lessons by Doctor Wilson written under the title of "First Steps in Truth." The second lesson, "Three Ways to God," will appear in the February issue of DAILY WORD. Succeeding lessons will cover such helpful subjects as prayer, the silence, heaven, the Christ, man, mind, thought, helping others, and many other subjects of particular interest to newer students of Truth.

# *1943—1944*

THE year 1943 is gone, but the joy, satisfaction, and success it brought to us can never be taken from us. If we are wise we will remember only the good that the old year brought. We will waste no vain regrets on its mistakes or failures, if there were any. It is natural for us to indulge in retrospection, but this is helpful only if we do it without any feeling of sorrow or remorse, without condemnation of ourselves or others.

As we welcome the new year, we reach out in spirit to encompass all the good it could bring to us. We desire more than anything else to grow in the consciousness of life, love, joy, Truth, and power so that we may live more effectively for God; so that we may be kinder, more loving and unselfish toward other persons; so that we may increase our capacity for service in God's kingdom; so that we may become true instruments for peace in the hands of God, and see His peace established in the world.

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,*

. . .

*Ring in the valiant man and free,*
*The larger heart, the kindlier hand!*
*Ring out the darkness of the land,*
*Ring in the Christ that is to be!*

## THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST GUIDES, INSPIRES, AND PROTECTS ME.

BEGIN the new year in the name of Jesus Christ. His name is a practical, wonder-working, all-encompassing power. He promised, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, that will I do." When in your consciousness you ask in the name of Jesus Christ, you accept your identity with omnipotent Being; you keep before you the shining ideal of the Christ perfection and the knowledge that you can exercise the same power that Jesus demonstrated.

When you focus your attention and effort on the expression of your Christ self, you are divinely guided in the way of wisdom and plenty; you are inspired with constructive ideas and a deep appreciation of life's values; you are aware of the ever-present protection of Spirit.

Make this year truly a Jesus Christ year, and the Master will become such a friend that all the years of your life will be blessed by the joy of His presence.

♣ *And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed,* do *all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*—COL. 3:17.

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF WORSHIP AND CONSECRATION.

TODAY I am renewed in the Christ spirit of worship and consecration. I turn to His presence within me in joy and adoration. As I seek His presence I am uplifted, illumined, and blessed. I commune with Him in the stillness of my soul, and I receive renewal and inspiration for today's tasks, problems, and pleasures.

As I go forth to work in the Lord's vineyard I consecrate my mind, my heart, and my hands to His service in perfect ways. His wisdom fills my mind and wisely directs me in every undertaking. His love overflows my heart and makes me kind, compassionate, and understanding toward everybody. His life blesses my hands and makes them strong, gentle, swift, and skillful. My mind, my heart, and my hands work in perfect harmony to accomplish good results in the service of Christ. Every thought I think, every word I speak, every deed I do is consecrated to the honor of man and the glory of God.

✤ *Consecrate yourselves to-day to Jehovah . . . that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.*—EXOD. 32:29.

## I REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT EACH NEW DAY BRINGS.

JUST as the new year is the beginning of many days and weeks of good, so each new day is the beginning of many moments and hours of good. Indeed each day is the beginning of a new life for every person who wants to look upon it as such. Each day brings new opportunities for self-discovery, for learning Truth and growing in the consciousness of it, for doing good to others. Each day reveals more of God and His wonderful world to those who see the good and the beauty all about them, who hear the harmony that sings itself through the universe, and who feel the joy of oneness with all creation.

Each day brings new life to bless our body, new light for our way, and new supply for our needs. Each morning brings us new strength of mind, heart, and soul, new ideas for working with God in the creation of a better world. Let us rejoice in each new day and the blessings it brings, in the challenges it presents and the opportunities for growth and achievement it offers. Let us use every day to our ultimate good and the good of others.

♣ *This day is a day of good tidings.*—II KINGS 7:9.

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF POWER AND ACTIVITY.

WITH the new year I glimpse a new vision of the splendid possibilities of my life. There comes to me a new realization of the power and ability I have inherited from God, my Father. No longer am I held down by human weakness, ignorance, fear, doubt, or selfishness. My Father has empowered me to express the Christ Spirit of power and activity, and I joyously resolve to be about His business.

Whatever task is mine to do, whether it is routine and uninteresting or vitally important to me or to the world, I know that my Father has endowed me with the power to work efficiently and be successful. I enter upon every undertaking in the faith that Christ in me is dauntless and invincible, that He works in me and through me to do the Father's work. All that I do is done with power and might, and every task I perform serves in some way to bless others. I am renewed in the Christ Spirit of power and activity, and my way is clear, easy, and successful.

♣ *I am full of power by the Spirit of Jehovah.*—MIC. 3:8.

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF LIFE AND HEALTH.

THE same Spirit that made Jesus Christ strong, vital, and radiantly alive dwells within every person. When we are awakened to the realization that Spirit within us is the source of our life and health, we are free from belief in weakness, inharmony, and imperfection. We are free in the same way that Jesus Christ was free, with power to overcome every ill of mind and body, to manifest the radiant wholeness that characterized His mind and body. His Spirit in us gives us wisdom also in the matter of normal exercise, correct diet, and the proper care of our body.

The Christ Spirit in us is a living presence that generates life, health, harmony, and perfection. When we proclaim our renewal in Christ, the very cells of our body are quickened, energized, and stirred into increased activity by the currents of life and power released by the Christ Spirit in us. As we continue to affirm life and health, we are transformed into the manifestation of perfect health in every part of our being.

❦ *So we also might walk in newness of life.*—ROM. 6:4.

# *Thursday* JANUARY 6

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF LOVE AND TOLERANCE.

IT IS my divine nature to express love toward all persons, even as Jesus Christ expressed it. Therefore I behold everybody through the eyes of love, including my so-called enemies, competitors, and opponents. Love makes me tolerant and understanding and draws to me friendship, good will, and many other blessings.

I give thanks for the good that comes to me through the people and experiences that I love, for I know that this is God's way of enriching my life. Whatever good I receive in this way is lovingly shared again, so that the channel for giving and receiving love is kept open and free.

Day by day I am renewed in the Christ Spirit of love, and I grow in tolerance, kindliness, and helpfulness toward everyone. I am free from thoughts of condemnation and ill will. The magic of Christ's love, working in and through me, transforms my own life, heals and prospers me, and gives me courage, comfort, cheerfulness, and divine strength to share with others.

♣ *By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*—JOHN 13:35.

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF FREEDOM AND DELIVERANCE.

NEARLY all of us are in bondage to one thing or another. It may be that we are bound to past mistakes, wrong thinking, faulty judgments, false appetite, or fear of some kind. But it is not God's will that any of us be oppressed by such bondage. It is His will that we be free to assert our divine mastery, to live joyously and successfully above such limitation.

If we are surrounded by circumstances that try to prevent us from being master of our life, now is the time for us to proclaim our deliverance and dominion. The Christ Spirit in us is our power to overcome, our power to express our innate divinity. We can cast out of mind all hampering ideas and express the freedom of Christ in mind, body, and affairs. Through His Spirit in us we can rise triumphantly out of every form of bondage.

Today the Christ Spirit in us proclaims, "I am free," and we walk in perfect freedom, deliverance, and mastery.

♣ *Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*—GAL. 5:1 (A. V.).

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF POISE AND CALMNESS.

IN THE hurry and bustle of this restless age, we need to learn to distinguish between the essentials and nonessentials of life. When we have done this we shall find that we are able to remain calm and untroubled in the face of emergencies, temptations, and overwhelming demands.

Our work and our life are most effective when we properly evaluate our tasks, when we do first things first with joy, patience, order, and efficiency. When we crowd our mind with all the many things that need to be done, our thoughts and energy are scattered, and we lose poise, serenity, and the power to concentrate on the work at hand.

God has provided us with ample time and ability to do everything necessary for our own good and the welfare of those we love. Keeping calm in spirit and trustfully looking to God for help will give us strength, wisdom, and courage to live joyfully, serenely, and successfully.

• *Prayers . . . be made for all men; for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity.*—I TIM. 2:1, 2.

## I DWELL CONTINUALLY IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH, AND I AM ETERNALLY BLESSED.

TO DWELL "in the secret place of the Most High" is to abide continually in the consciousness that God is good and God is all. It is to be fully aware of our divine nature and our inherent power, and to live as if we knew that we are sons of the "Most High." Dwelling "in the secret place of the Most High" is to remain in a state of constant prayer, interspersed with periods of "listening" for the guidance of God, and then following it by doing what He directs.

Dwelling "in the secret place of the Most High" is really a way of life in which we abide constantly in the Father and He in us; in which we are always aware of His loving, protecting presence; in which we know Him as our unfailing life, light, love, wisdom, and supply. We cannot need or want any good thing when we dwell momently "in the secret place of the Most High," for in that place we are infinitely blessed.

*This is my resting-place for ever:*
*Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*
—PSALMS 132:14.

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING.

JESUS CHRIST constantly acknowledged the Father as the source of His infallible wisdom and comprehensive understanding. And He told His followers that they had access to the same Father-God, who is light and love.

When we honestly and sincerely try to follow the inspiration and guidance of God, we express more of the Christ Spirit of wisdom and understanding. We learn to think and reason accurately and wisely, to speak kindly and truthfully, to act considerately, and to be understanding. We find that wisdom makes us understanding, and understanding makes us wise.

Our Father-God, Spirit, within us is the fountain of all wisdom and understanding. We can draw upon Spirit for infinite light and knowledge at all times and under all circumstances. Today let us turn within to our indwelling Lord of wisdom and understanding, and be illumined and blessed.

♣ *The Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge.*—ISA. 11:2.

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF FAITH AND CONFIDENCE

FAITH is an inherent quality of our very being. Nearly everything we do is done by faith, whether we realize it or not. Even much of the world's commerce and business is possible because of our faith in ourselves and in the honesty and integrity of our associates and fellow men.

Though it may seem to us that we have only a very small measure of faith, the truth is that we have a great deal more potential faith than we use. Our faith is increased by use. As we demand more of our faith each day, it grows and expands according to what we require of it.

The Christ Spirit in us is the source of our faith, and the source is infinite. It supplies not only the faith by which we live confidently and triumphantly, but it also gives us faith to see the good in all people everywhere and to call forth that good. Through Christlike faith in ourselves, in our neighbor, and in God, we give and receive many rich blessings day by day.

• *That* life *which I now live . . . I live in faith,* the faith *which is in the Son of God.*—GAL. 2:20.

# *Wednesday* JANUARY 12

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF JOY AND CHEERFULNESS.

TODAY there is much need for joy in the world, therefore I resolve to see and give thanks for all the joyous things that are mine, to become an instrument for the boundless, free-flowing joy of Jesus Christ. I know that His Spirit of gladness in me is greater than any thought of sorrow, discouragement, or depression. Should some condition arise in my life that would rob me of my joy, the Christ Spirit in me enables me to rise above that condition and sustains me in joy.

There is no place for despondency or unhappiness in my thought or in my world. My joy springs eternally from the Christ Spirit in my soul, and it is born anew every morning. It is abiding, uplifting, completely transforming. The joy of Christ strengthens, comforts, heals, and enriches me.

I let the spontaneous joy of Jesus Christ express itself through me in cheerfulness and encouragement to other persons. My inner consciousness of joy is revealed by my glad countenance, and everyone I see is blessed by my radiant spirit of joy.

♣ *Ye may rejoice with exceeding joy.*—I PET. 4:13.

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS.

UNFORGIVENESS is a burden that will submerge us in permanent misery and unhappiness unless we get rid of it. When we harbor resentment, bitterness, grudges, or hurt feelings, we do the Christ Spirit in ourselves and in others a great injustice.

Jesus was always loving and forgiving. He did not allow one single thought of unforgiveness to remain in His mind. Even in His last human experience on earth, that of the cross, He asked the Father to forgive those who tortured Him, thus proving that He Himself had already forgiven them.

In our desire to express the Christ Spirit and to see His Spirit in others, we must learn to forgive "until seventy times seven," if need be. We must cleanse our mind of all thought of mistreatment, and release all persons from any thought of wrongdoing or condemnation. We must give love and expect only love in return.

♣ *To whom ye forgive anything, I* forgive *also: for what I also have forgiven . . . for your sakes* have I forgiven it *in the presence of Christ.*—II COR. 2:10.

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# *God Gives Another Day*

L. Gordon Wright

God gives each soul another day!
No matter how the storms of life may beat,
No matter what your victory or defeat,
Or if your fare be bitter bread or sweet,
God gives each soul another day!

God gives each faithful soul another day!
What richer gift could His great love bestow
Than this new day? To pay the debt we owe,
To start our life anew, to serve, to grow,
God gives each faithful soul another day!

God gives each trusting soul another day!
Take heart, dear friend, and trust in God's
clear light.
Rest in His love; keep courage ever bright.
Faith will reveal as error fades from sight
God gives each trusting soul another day!

## I AM RENEWED IN THE CHRIST SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND SUPPLY.

SERVICE and supply seem to go hand in hand. The amount of material good we have usually depends upon the kind and amount of service we give. Joyous, unselfish service always brings to us an abundance of good things over and above our daily bread. The spirit of joyous service makes our task easy and pleasant.

Let us take for our message today the words of Jesus Christ, "My Father worketh even until now, and I work," knowing that His Spirit in us renews us in strength, joy, power, and efficiency. Then we shall welcome every opportunity that comes to us to render a service to our fellow beings, and we shall see the reward of such service in increased supply.

The law is that as we give so we receive. The most practical way to fulfill this law is to give ourselves—our time, energy, love, and understanding in joyous service to anyone in need. Such service will bring us not only great happiness and satisfaction but prosperity as well.

♣ *God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love.*—HEB. 6:10 (A. V.).

## I RESOLVE HENCEFORTH TO DEVELOP SELF-CONTROL BY GUARDING MY THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND ACTS.

SELF-CONTROL begins in the mind. It requires constant watching of one's thoughts, words, and acts. It may require the denial and elimination of certain thought patterns and speech habits. It surely requires the ability to refrain from thinking, saying, or doing anything offensive, unkind, or thoughtless.

"As he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he" is an unfailing index to a person's self-control, because whatever we think we express in our daily living. If we desire to be strong, courageous, healthy, happy, and prosperous, we must think of ourselves in this light. If we desire to grow spiritually and to influence others for good, we must think, speak, and act after the manner of Jesus Christ, who went about "doing good."

Jesus discovered His true self, the Christ, and through this self He became master of everything in His world. Control of our thoughts, words, and actions will help us to become masterful and Christlike also.

♠ *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith.*—I COR. 16:13.

## FATHER, MY HEART OVERFLOWS WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE FOR THY LOVING CARE.

FATHER, I thank Thee for the peace of mind and heart that steals over me as I commune with Thee. I thank Thee for the joy that wells up within me, the joy that no person, thing, or circumstance can take from me.

I thank Thee for all my opportunities to serve Thee and my fellow men, and for the wisdom and strength that enable me to perform my tasks with gladness and efficiency. I thank Thee for the faith that bids me trust Thee when the way seems dark or uncertain, and for the light that always proves to be my guide and inspiration. I thank Thee for Thy mighty power, which watches over me and those I love and makes our way safe and secure.

I thank Thee for the realization of Thy loving care day after day, night after night, for the awareness of Thy comforting presence with me continually. My heart overflows with boundless gratitude as I say, "Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory," knowing that power and glory and the kingdom of heaven are mine through my oneness with Thee.

♣ *Father, I thank thee.*—JOHN 11:41.

## I REJOICE THAT MY CAPACITIES AND ABILITIES ARE DIVINE AND UNLIMITED.

HAVING been made in the image and likeness of God, I know that my capacities and abilities are divine and unlimited, even as God Himself is divine and unlimited. I know that God sees me as He created me: endowed with infinite power to accomplish good work in His name. The good gift of God in me is divine ability.

Appearances may proclaim that I am weak, human, bound to what the personal man can do, but Spirit in me is strong, immortal, and free. It is not hampered by facts as they appear to be, by worldly opinions, or by previous experiences. Spirit is now manifesting itself in me, through me, and for me as the power to achieve mighty things.

Day by day I unfold my spiritual capacities and abilities, and I find many new opportunities to use my God-given wisdom and power. I work with God, and God works with me to create beauty, joy, bounty, and infinite good in my own life and in the lives of other persons.

*For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee.*—II TIM. 1:6.

# *Tuesday* JANUARY 18

## IT IS THE WILL OF GOD THAT I EXPRESS ALL THAT HE IS IN ALL THAT I DO.

MANY of us do not have a clear conception of what God's will for us is. For centuries we have labored under the idea that God's will is arbitrary and hard and unrelenting toward our desires and pleasures. All our sorrows, tragedies, lack, and suffering have been attributed to the will of God and accepted with resignation. How wrong we are in such an interpretation!

In reality God's will for us is the fullness of all that we can ever need or desire. Yes, it is even more than this. It is greater good than we, with our human mind, have ever visioned. "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom," said Jesus. And the kingdom includes life, light, love, joy, peace, and plenty for all.

It is God's good will that we express all that He is in every thought, word, and deed, and that we comprehend our divinity and live joyfully, powerfully, effectively. When we pray, "Thy will be done," we invite our highest good.

✤ *Prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*—ROM. 12:2.

## I RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF OTHER PERSONS TO THEIR FREEDOM IN CHRIST.

THOSE OF us who study Truth have a tendency to be concerned about persons who have no knowledge of spiritual things and who apparently have no desire to gain such knowledge. We are apt to be overzealous in wanting to direct them in the way of Truth, to point out to them what we consider to be the right way for them.

When the disciples were concerned about the behavior of certain persons, Jesus rebuked them gently: "What *is that* to thee? follow thou me." This was His way of bidding them follow the guidance and inspiration of their own indwelling Christ Spirit.

If we truly desire to help another person, we can do him no greater service than to behold the Christ in him and to know that his Christ Spirit is leading him in the way that is for his highest good. If we allow the Christ Spirit in everyone complete freedom, we shall see its miracle-working power produce the perfect result.

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*—ROM. 8:14.

## THOU ART THE LIGHT OF MY UNDERSTANDING.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

SO LONG as we have not developed understanding we are often puzzled and confused by the experiences that we are called upon to undergo. There seems no logical reason why certain problems should arise in our life, why we should have to do this or that thing, when other persons appear to be free from such annoyances and perplexities.

Since God is not a God of chance but a God of law and order, we can be sure that He does not place us in certain situations merely to vex us, to see if we can "take it." He does give us opportunities to develop spiritual strength, to learn Truth, to grow in the understanding of Him as love, joy, peace, all good.

The light of God's presence illumines our understanding when we open our heart and mind to permit it to do so. It makes clear to us the way of harmony and success. His light is the light of our life, and we understand the truth that He is love eternal.

*Ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.*—COL. 1:9.

## LOVE IS THE MAGNET THAT ESTABLISHES MY PROSPERITY.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

IN HIS book *Prosperity* Charles Fillmore says: "Love is the world's greatest attractive power. The electromagnet that lifts the ingots of steel must first be charged with the electric current, for without the current it is powerless. So the heart of man . . . must be aglow with God's love; then it becomes a magnet drawing all good from every direction."

We must cultivate the quality of love if we would put its attractive power into operation and become prosperous. In doing this we need to cast out of our mind the thieves and robbers that we call hate, fear, and worry, and think only of the great unceasing and unsparing love of God for us. As we think of and affirm the attractive power of love, we shall find that it unfailingly draws to us the supply that we need.

We need not wonder how love will prosper us. Love is the important thing; the means by which it operates to manifest supply is unimportant.

♣ *That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.*—PROV. 8:21 (A. V.).

# *Saturday* JANUARY 22

BY THE GRACE AND LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST I AM FORGIVEN AND HEALED.—UNITY CLASS THOUGHT.

OUR thought for today, the healing thought for the current month, directs our attention to the close relationship between forgiveness and healing. It affirms the truth that through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our shortcomings, and through His love we are healed of our infirmities.

As long as we express a spirit of unforgiveness we interfere with the free expression of God's life and health in us. To be truly forgiving we must forgive all men their transgressions, both against us and against God. If we have sinned against the law of God or man, God forgives us to the extent that we first forgive ourselves. Jesus affirmed this truth in the Lord's Prayer when He said, "Forgive us . . . as we have forgiven."

"Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." Grace, the mighty cleansing, healing power of divine forgiveness, is expressed in and through us as we affirm our faith in Him.

♣ *Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*—II TIM. 1:2.

## I PRAY WITH FAITH, UNDERSTANDING, AND THANKSGIVING, AND GOD ANSWERS ME PROMPTLY AND WISELY.

PRAYER has been defined as "the soul's sincere desire." If this definition is accepted, then all of us pray more than we realize. We do not need to use some set form of words in praying or to beg God for something we think He may not be willing for us to have.

When we understand that God is more willing to give than we are to receive, then we can pray with faith and thanksgiving, and He will answer us wisely and promptly. The answer to our prayer may not come in just the way or form that our human mind has planned it, but it will be clear and unmistakable, comprehensive, just, and altogether satisfying.

The highest way to pray is to desire to do God's will in everything. We should make our prayers unselfish and all-inclusive, desiring good for all people, even as we desire it for ourselves. Our prayers should be full of praise and thanksgiving, because these qualities assist immeasurably in establishing our good.

♣ *After this manner therefore pray ye.*—MATT. 6:9.

# *Monday* JANUARY 24

**MY VISION IS EVER UPON GOD, AND HIS GOODNESS IS CONTINUALLY MANIFESTING ITSELF FOR ME.**

THE object in learning Truth is to live by a new vision, a vision that recognizes God as the only presence and power in our life and our world. Once we have caught the vision of Truth, believe in what we comprehend, and act upon what we believe, we shall find that our whole way of life has changed. Instead of thinking that we are poor, weak, mortal creatures, bound to a life of suffering, sorrow, and poverty, we shall see ourselves as we are in Spirit: strong, joyous, immortal, rich.

A comprehension of Truth helps us to live in harmony with the laws of God so that they lend us their full blessing. As we seek to know Truth our attention is directed toward God and we understand Him to be the source of life, love, joy, wisdom, supply, and all good. If we keep our vision centered upon God, He becomes to us the fulfillment of whatever we need or desire. Truth proves to us that God is good, that He answers prayer, and that His kingdom is here now.

♠ *Behold, your God!*—ISA. 40:9.

## I KNOW THAT I AM PURE SPIRIT, AND I ACT LIKE A SPIRITUAL BEING.

IN THE human or mortal conception of ourselves we draw the conclusion that we are subject to mental and material forces in the world about us. We are governed by the carnal mind and the body of flesh more than we realize. The only way we can gain freedom from pain, suffering, poverty, false appetite, and other results of mortal thought is to dispel the consciousness that gives life to these things. We can do this by realizing that we are pure Spirit, made in the image and likeness of God. This is telling ourselves the truth about ourselves. "Ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit."

When we convince ourselves that we are a spiritual being and act as if we believed in our divinity, we cannot help but manifest the blessings of Spirit, which are life, love, wisdom, power, joy, and abundance. God created us perfect, and in Spirit we are eternally perfect. Let us believe sincerely and steadfastly in our divinity, and prove it.

♣ *The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me.*—ISA. 61:1.

# *Wednesday* JANUARY 26

THROUGH MY INNER VISION I SEE GOD'S WORLD AS IT REALLY IS: HEAVENLY, BEAUTIFUL, PERFECT.

MANY of us live in the world and never see how beautiful it really is. Our vision is so blinded by the trivialities of everyday life, the small problems and worries and disappointments we struggle with, that we fail to enjoy the beauty and harmony, the peace and abundant good that are always at hand.

"I often think but for our veiled eyes
We should find heaven round about us lies,"

says the poet. And Jesus reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is within us. "Lo, the kingdom of God is within you."

The only real heaven we can ever know is that which is to be found in our own consciousness of joy, beauty, harmony, and perfection. The only way we can enter heaven is to spiritualize our vision so that we may see God and His world from the standpoint of reality. God's world is now and always has been perfect. Realization of this Truth will help to establish heaven for us.

♣ *Behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*—LUKE 17:21 (A. V.).

## THE WISDOM OF GOD DIRECTS ALL MY THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND ACTIONS, AND I USE GOOD JUDGMENT IN EVERYTHING I DO.

ALL OF US desire to use good judgment, to avoid mistakes and the regrets they bring. We want to be able to make decisions quickly, to judge wisely and rightly, to do only what is best for us and for anyone else who may be affected by our judgment.

Following the inspiration and guidance of God in all things gives us the power to "judge righteous judgment." When we have decisions to make or it becomes necessary for us to exercise judgment, we should turn within and let the Father's wisdom show us what to do.

When we depend upon divine light and understanding we shall be inspired and guided in thought, speech, and action in a way that will bless others and be for our own highest good. The wisdom of God always reveals to us the way to think clearly, to judge rightly, to act wisely, and to achieve success.

♣ *If any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally . . . and it shall be given him.*—JAMES 1:5.

## I ABIDE MOMENTLY IN GOD'S LOVE, AND IT SUFFICES FOR MY EVERY NEED.

WHEN we take the stand that God's love is all-powerful and ever present with us, we find that it is equal to meeting every need that arises in our life. There is no problem so intricate, no misunderstanding so complicated, no trouble so great that it cannot be harmonized and adjusted through God's love.

Whatever need of adjustment we may have, whether it be mental, moral, spiritual, or material, God's love is mighty to take care of it. If we want to prove the effect of God's love on our problem, we need only relinquish it to Him and abide in peace. He will handle it at the right time in a perfect way, and everyone concerned will be blessed.

God's love works for us continually if we let it. It helps us overcome all faults of disposition; it heals our body and prospers us; it restores order in affairs and harmony to our relations with others; it comforts, guides, and sustains; it lifts us out of every kind of bondage and leads us into the kingdom of life, light, peace, joy, and plenty.

♣ *I will love them freely.*—Hos. 14:4.

## I REJOICE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT GOD AND HIS GOODNESS ARE CONSTANT, ETERNAL, AND UNCHANGING.

IN THE critical times we are witnessing we see many changes. Things that we thought gave us security can no longer be relied upon. As we see passing what seemed to be dependable certainties, we are brought closer to the truth that there are eternal things that cannot change, that will not pass. These are the things of Spirit.

The love of God for His children, the power of prayer to establish good, and the presence of Jesus Christ as our constant help and inspiration are things that are eternally dependable. Their continuation assures the salvation of the world.

"Strengthen the things which remain," we are advised by John. If we would follow his advice we must concentrate upon love, justice, prayer, faith, and righteousness, and all the other sustaining values of God that are evident to us. We must know that Jesus Christ and His truth are "the same yesterday and to-day, *yea* and for ever."

We have a firm foundation for our life when we depend upon God's unchanging goodness.

♣ *For I, Jehovah, change not.*—MAL. 3:6.

## THE LOVING-KINDNESS OF JEHOVAH IS WITH ME DAY AND NIGHT.

It is commendable and helpful to believe that God is with us in adversity as well as in good fortune, but it is much more satisfying and reassuring to realize His presence continually through frequent communion with Him. Only as we learn to know Him as our constant help, guide, and companion can we receive fully and freely of His loving-kindness.

Let us begin the day with God by turning to Him in prayer and realizing that He is the source of all the good the day may bring. If we awake with the awareness of God's presence uppermost in our thoughts, we shall find beauty, goodness, joy, and success on every hand.

When the day is finished, if we have communed often with God, we shall be ready for peaceful, relaxed sleep. We shall give ourselves joyously into His care, and the mantle of His love will fall gently upon us, a benediction of peace and rest.

*Jehovah will command his lovingkindness in the daytime; And in the night his song shall be with me.*

—Psalms 42:8.

## I GLADLY BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED.

A WITNESS is one who vouches for the good character, honesty, morality, and the like, of another person. When we bear witness to Truth we testify to the good that we know is inherent in Truth. We cannot bear witness to something we do not believe, therefore we must believe Truth and act upon our belief.

When we have faith in God and His goodness and act upon our faith, we bear witness to His truth in every phase of our life and affairs, in every thought, word, and deed, and in all our relations with others. What we are and what we do bears witness to our inner consciousness of divinity.

"Now are we the sons of God," said John, but we have to prove our divine sonship by bearing witness to it, by making it manifest to the world. An understanding of God's noble purpose for us helps us to act as though we were gods: divine beings with divine powers. And such we are. Bearing witness to Truth is but acting out in life what we are in our spiritual nature.

♣ *He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.*—I JOHN 5:10 (A. V.).

# TURN YOUR DREAMS INTO DEMONSTRATIONS IN 1944!

If in your heart you cherish a worthy dream, God will help you to achieve its fulfillment. Every sincere unselfish desire that you have was implanted by God, and God wants you to claim it as your good. So why wait any longer to demonstrate your dreams into visibility? Let 1944 be the year of your greatest demonstrations of God's love and abundance!

For practical guidance in turning your dreams into demonstrations you will find in the Prosperity Bank plan just the help you need. It is a daily program of realization that the Father's abundance is already yours.

When you send for a Bank, Silent Unity prays with you for your success. Each day as you pray, remember to bless a portion of your substance and place it in the Bank. The amount you save may be used to send DAILY WORD gift subscriptions to your friends, thus giving you a convenient way of sharing the Truth of God's love with others.

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# WILL YOU HELP UNITY ENLARGE ITS EVER-GROWING MINISTRY ?

FROM the thousands of letters coming to Unity every week asking for prayers and advice, we find that requests for the Unity ministry fall into five major classes. In general the requests are as follows:

1. **Will you help me explain the Unity teaching to a friend who needs help?**
2. **Will you pray for my loved ones in the armed services?**
3. **How can I be healed?**
4. **How can I bring about harmonious relations with my family, friends, and business associates?**
5. **How can I demonstrate prosperity?**

The millions who know the Unity teaching are finding strength and courage for these times, but we know that there are many more who need and desire help and do not know where to find it.

To help fill this need Unity School is publishing a group of special articles that is planned to introduce Truth to newcomers. These articles will be published in WEEKLY UNITY, and the first one will appear in the January 22 issue. The others will follow in succeeding issues.

Will you help Unity reach those persons who need the freeing Truth of God's love and protection? The way to do this is to order gift subscriptions for WEEKLY UNITY for your friends in time for them to receive these special articles.

Let WEEKLY UNITY be your quiet messenger of love and good will to those whom you desire to help in these times. Your order sent now will insure your friends' receiving, through this special series, the courage and strength that a knowledge of Truth can give them.

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*Understanding is a well-spring of life unto him that hath it.*—Proverbs 16:22.

# *Resolve to increase your understanding in 1944!*

**Now that 1944 with its boundless opportunities awaits you, why not resolve to grow in spiritual understanding?**

**If you would like to help in carrying out such a resolution, you will find it in the book BEGINNING AGAIN by Frank B. Whitney.**

**BEGINNING AGAIN is a volume of easily read chapters that inspire all who read them. In one of the chapters Mr. Whitney, former editor of Daily Word, writes: "A new life opens to the individual who gets the right conception of God. . . . The right understanding of what God is and of your relation to God is the working principle you need in solving your problems."**

**BEGINNING AGAIN, an ideal New Year's book, bound in green cloth, is $1; in flexible binding (resembling leather), $2.**

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**WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE 1944 UNITY LENTEN PROGRAM!**

The Lenten season will begin this year on February 23. The Unity way of observing Lent is to practice the divine attributes of faith, love, and wisdom. Unity students everywhere will be consecrating themselves to the attainment of a spiritual consciousness during the six weeks preceding Easter in order thus to rise above the world of appearances.

If you wish to observe Lent the Unity way this year, watch next month's Unity periodicals for announcements of the 1944 Unity Lenten Program.

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